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Mississippi Farm Numbers Decline

The number of farms in Mississippi in 2007 was estimated at 41,700, down 300 farms from the previous year. Total land in farms, at 11.0 million acres, is the same as 2006. The average farm size in Mississippi was 264 acres during 2007, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Farm numbers and land in farms are broken down into five economic sales classes. Farms and ranches are classified into these "sales classes" by summing their sales of agricultural products and government program payments. Sales class breaks occur at \$10,000, \$100,000, \$250,000 and \$500,000. In Mississippi, farm numbers declined 1 percent in the smallest sales class (\$1,000 - \$9,999), but rose 3 percent in the \$500,000 and over sales class.

Farm Numbers, by Economic Class, Mississippi and United States, 2006-2007

Economic Sales Class	Category					
	Number of Farms		Land in Farms		Average Size Farms	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
	Number		1,000 Acres		Acres	
Mississippi						
\$1,000-\$9,999	29,400	29,200	3,600	3,500	122	120
\$10,000-\$99,999	8,100	8,100	2,550	2,600	315	321
\$100,000-\$249,999	1,600	1,500	950	1,000	594	667
\$250,000-\$499,999	1,000	950	950	950	950	1,000
\$500,000 & Over	1,900	1,950	2,950	2,950	1,553	1,513
Total	42,000	41,700	11,000	11,000	262	264
United States						
\$1,000-\$9,999	1,152,910	1,135,320	114,685	112,840	99	99
\$10,000-\$99,999	597,350	594,230	258,890	255,505	433	430
\$100,000-\$249,999	166,420	167,990	191,450	192,260	1,150	1,144
\$250,000-\$499,999	90,760	93,000	153,980	153,000	1,697	1645
\$500,000 & Over	81,350	84,970	213,425	217,315	2,624	2,558
Total	2,088,790	2,075,510	932,430	930,920	446	449